



FRY CLUB COLTS

U15 MATCH REPORT U16

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Whitchurch wacked and Stapleton stopped!

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Greg was still suffering with a septic toe and Phil was not fit thanks to an ankle injured while skateboarding. Mark and Rich were unavailable, so the line-up was:

	Ryan Perry	
Tom Hamblin	Steve Bacon	Steve Pillinger
	Jack Gooding	Dan Payne
Gareth Smith		Jay Slade
	Zolly Vanyai	
Jamie Bryant		Jon Pitt

Substitutes: Ross Ashman (Tom Hamblin, 62),
Joe Garland (Jamie Bryant, 78).

As the teams lined up, I wondered how strong were Whitchurch – they had only one sub and goalkeeper Craig Meyhew playing up front! Anyway, they kicked off and immediately lost the ball, Jamie nipping in and getting in a shot that, while not too powerful, gained a corner. Jay hit the ball deep to the far post, but everyone ran in to the six-yard box!

Whitchurch recovered from the initial shock and started to press forward. Although we didn't look entirely comfortable we dealt efficiently with the Whitchurch attack. In to the fourth minute and Gareth, under pressure took the simple option and rolled the ball back to Ryan. Thwack, a long ball for Jon to chase, a cross from the by-line to the far post, and **Jamie** there to knock the ball home (1-0).

Ten minutes gone and a long throw from Jay reached Jamie at the far post and he chested the ball down but his shot was cleared off the line. Four minutes later and Gareth knocked a good ball down the line for Jamie to chase and get in a cross that evaded Jon and the 'keeper; Zolly managed to get in a shot from a narrow angle that the 'keeper did well to divert round the post. Jack's corner was headed clear. As Whitchurch attacked, a good interception from Tom

saw Dan take the ball on and ride a challenge and play a fine through ball for Jamie to shoot early, but straight at the 'keeper.

Twenty minutes in to the match and another long throw from Jay was headed clear but Jack managed to head the ball down for Gareth to flick the ball in and Jon to strike the ball over the bar from the edge of the area.

We were seeing little of Whitchurch as an attacking force now, our back three winning just about everything in the air, and dealing uncompromisingly with through balls designed to test our pace and positioning.

With a quarter of an hour of the half remaining, Jamie and a defender went up together to meet Jay's throw. A corner resulted and Jack hit it low for **Jay** to dive and head home from the edge of the six-yard box – a well-taken goal (2-0).

Jack shaved the upright with a powerful drive from 35 yards before combining with Dan to release Jay to cross, but again Jamie's finish was hacked clear. Play quickly moved to our end of the field and Pill was forced to concede a corner that was headed out for a goal kick. Then, a free kick, conceded for a foul by Pill, was headed clear by Jack, the ball being crossed back in for Ryan to get a hand to under pressure, and Jamie and Gareth combined to clear.

HALF-TIME: COLTS 2 WHITCHURCH 0

Play in the first half had been scrappy. We were clearly the better team but even so were finding it hard to string more than two or three passes together. The pitch seemed quite firm and although there was not a great deal of wind the ball seemed to stay in the air for ever and not give players time to control it.

The second half was much the same to begin with. A corner after five minutes saw Pill off target with a header, and another corner two minutes later saw the ball just evade the leaps of Tom and Dan.

A quarter of an hour gone and another corner saw Jon get in a good downward header from Jack's cross that Zolly just failed to get on the end of.

A long through ball from Whitchurch saw Ryan out quickly to the edge of his area to kick clear. A rare break by this time as we were well in control of the match without seeming able to finish the game off. With twenty minutes remaining, a defensive blunder by Whitchurch presented the ball to Jon who cut inside and unleashed a good right foot shot from 15 yards that the 'keeper reacted to well to push over the bar.

Another corner and Dan glanced a header wide. However, we were not to be denied for long, and Dan helped on a ball in from Jay, and **Jamie** hooked the ball home (3-0). Ross came on to replace Tom, who had been playing with a bruised foot; Dan dropped back in to defence and Zolly in to midfield as we switched to a 3-4-3 formation.

Almost half an hour gone now and we started to play our best football of the game. A good interception by Dan saw some nifty footwork and buttock movement while lying on the ground; the only thing lacking was the ball.

A couple of rare Whitchurch excursions in to our half saw a 35-yard shot that was always curling wide, and then a deep cross that Jay controlled and hit long for Jon to chase, and cross for Ross who was unable to get a shot in.

A long clearance from Pill was knocked on by Ross for Jamie to cross in for Jon who tumbled under a challenge but the referee waved away the appeals for a penalty. This was followed by a through ball from Zolly that was flicked on by Ross for Gareth to strike a rocket shot from almost 30 yards that the 'keeper did well to push round the post. In to the last five minutes and a couple of good crosses in from Jay and Gareth had not been capitalised upon. However, some determined play from **Zolly**, on the edge of the area saw him dispossess a defender and turn and hit the ball low in to the corner of the net (4-0).

A Whitchurch free-kick sailed harmlessly over the bar before Jamie came off and Joe went on with two minutes of normal time remaining. Time wasting by the manager, or a devastating tactical ploy? Well, Ross intercepted a Whitchurch pass; Jon latched on to the ball and skipped through a challenge. Just as he was about to shoot he was tackled from behind and the defender's touch took the ball straight past his own 'keeper (5-0).

In to injury time and Jay played the ball in to **Zolly** who lost the ball, regained it, and shot from 35 yards in to the top corner (6-0). Then, in to the final minute of the game and Gareth won the ball, passed inside to Joe who played **Jon** through the middle. He held off the challenge of a defender to strike the ball low in to the net (7-0).

FULL-TIME: COLTS 7 WHITCHURCH 0

Afterthoughts.....

A good result - we battled to the end and the late flurry of goals reflected our domination.

MAN OF THE MATCH

*Not a great game at all, apart from the last ten minutes, but nobody played poorly, and nobody seemed really to excel. Steve Bacon didn't get a mention in the match report, yet clearly did his job well as the clean sheet and lack of activity for Ryan shows. Yet Jamie and Jon tend to catch the eye up front. So, a hard one to call. In the end Steve and I went for **Jay Slade** who worked hard defending, got in some telling crosses and scored a good goal.*

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With Mark away and Phil injured, and Jay suffering a recurrence of the blisters, the line-up was:

	Nick Frost	
Joe Cook	Tom Hamblin	Curtis Jack
Gareth Smith	Ian Field	Craig Palmer
Ricky Anstey		Ross Malone
Dan Payne	Danny Hunt	

Substitutes: Jason McCrossan (Craig Palmer, 30),
Liam Kavanagh (Ross Malone, 58)

Early skirmishing, and the first chance after three minutes, when we were awarded a free kick three yards outside the penalty area. Ricky wanted to take it quickly but wisdom prevailed. **Tom** stepped up and hit the ball low, through the wall and in to the far corner of the net (1-0).

For the next ten or so minutes play was pretty even, Stapleton relying on long forward balls that the wind was taking through for Nick to gather easily. Ricky was forced to concede a corner when tackling back, but Tom headed clear. Two minutes later and we gained a corner when good work by Dan on the right saw him cross in towards Ian who was just beaten to the ball by a defender. Danny met Craig's cross but his header was too high.

Approaching the twenty-minute mark and Curtis played the ball out to Ross on the left; he showed composure to beat two players before releasing the ball. Dan nearly capitalised but the 'keeper was out quickly to smother the ball.

An inswinging Stapleton corner to the far post was well headed away by Ross, and then another good through ball from Curtis saw Dan time the bounce of the ball

well to get in a lob over the 'keeper, but just a foot wide of the post.

Half an hour gone and a corner to Stapleton saw Tom head clear but Craig go down clutching his knee. Playing on with ten men for the time being a good break out from defence saw Ian play the ball for Dan to lay off for Curtis, making a surging overlap down the wing, but the 'keeper was out quickly to slide the ball out for a throw. From the throw the ball was played in to Ian who cleverly flicked the ball over the 'keeper, only for the goal to be disallowed for offside.

With five minutes of the half remaining Jason came on to replace Craig, as we switched to 4-4-2. Tom ignored the easy pass back to Nick and ended up conceding a corner that was only partially cleared. The ball back in caught our defence flat-footed as a Stapleton player ran through and lobbed Nick. Fortunately Ricky reacted quickly to get back and clear for a corner that this time we dealt with comfortably.

HALF-TIME: COLTS 1 DRG STAPLETON 0

Dan attempted a shot straight from the kick-off, but it flew wide. Another free kick conceded, five minutes in to the half, and the ball was cleared only as far as a Stapleton player, 25 yards out. It was well struck but Nick was equal to it with a fine stop.

Ten minutes gone and from a Gareth corner Tom and a defender both went up for the ball, it flew off them to the edge of the area where **Ricky** hit a shot with real venom in to the top corner (2-0).

Two minutes later and Gareth hit another corner deep to the far post and over everybody else to **Ricky** who, despite appearing off balance, still managed to hook the ball over the 'keeper and in to the far corner of the net (3-0).

A good covering tackle by Jason was met by the comment from Leo that "I knew he wasn't entirely useless". Another corner from Gareth, this time hit low to the edge of the six-yard box saw Ian with an attempt on goal that was charged down.

With just over twenty minutes remaining, Liam came on to replace Ross who was starting to flag after a good first half performance. Dan dropped back in to midfield to add some muscle, with Liam taking his place up front. Curtis tried a shot at goal from a free kick after being fouled, but was off target, and we were nearly caught by a quick break from Stapleton, but Tom and Curtis combined to cut out the danger.

Another free kick, deep on the left saw Tom elect to stroke the ball down the wing to Dan, on to Ian who crossed in to Gareth who was crowded out as he tried to get a shot in. The ball fell to Liam whose effort was deflected for a corner. Danny swung the ball over and the 'keeper came for it and dropped it but managed to clear only for Curtis to break in to the area and send a dipping shot only a foot off target.

Ian forced another corner on the left. Gareth swung the ball in and **Dan** connected at the far post. A defender handled but the referee ruled that the ball had already crossed the line. (4-0).

With only a quarter of an hour remaining a cross out to our left flank saw four defenders in a line against one Stapleton forward who struck a fine shot from outside the area across Nick and past his dive in to the far corner of the net (4-1). Up to this stage we had looked solid and Stapleton looked a beaten team. Credit to them then that they mounted a series of attacks and had us on the ropes a little. By this time though, Gareth was hobbling around, seemingly with a dead-leg, and we were a bit depleted in midfield.

A good interchange of passes on the right saw Ian and Gareth combine and Gareth whip in a cross that bounced awkwardly for Liam and despite an acrobatic attempt he was unable to get a shot on target.

In to the last five minutes and a free kick wide out on the right saw Stapleton fire the ball in to the area and a glancing header took the ball past Nick (4-2).

A break down our right flank then saw Tom across with a good tackle that saw him require treatment before continuing. The game had been physical, but with tackles robust rather than malicious and yet another free kick saw Tom drive the ball low, but straight in to the 'keeper's arms.

Two minutes in to injury time and another free kick for a trip on Dan saw Curtis flight his shot from inside the centre-circle, over the 'keeper, and crash back off the bar. Almost the icing on the cake!

FULL-TIME: COLTS 4 DRG STAPLETON 2

Afterthoughts.....

Stapleton are a big, physical team that also played some good football. I can see them troubling a lot of teams this season, so I figure this was a good result, and despite the wind we had spells when we played some excellent football.

Sometimes when I read the match report through I think I've not given mention to some players who have worked hard and performed steadily throughout but not necessarily been involved in the goals, etc. When you were younger I tried to ensure that everyone got at least two mentions and nobody got any stick (apart from Dan). However, now you're old enough to take criticism - although I try and make it constructive if possible! Also, I don't count the number of mentions any more. But, just to put the record straight for some with fewer mentions this week:

Danny worked hard up front without really having chances to score, Ricky and Ross tackled back well, Craig worked hard in midfield before going off injured and Joe and Jason were both quick and strong in the tackle. I hope this rectifies any omissions!

U16 TEAM FACTS

F = Played the full game
 B = Began the game but was substituted
 P = Played in the game after coming on as a substitute
 S = Non-playing substitute
 M = Man of the Match
 L = League goals
 C = Cup goals

	F	B	P	S	M	L	C
Ross Ashman			2	1			
Steve Bacon	1						
Jamie Bryant	1	1			1	4	
Joe Garland	2		1				
Jack Gooding	3					1	
Tom Hamblin	2	1				1	
Rich Healey	2					2	
Phil Knight	2						
Dan Payne	3				1		
Ryan Perry	2						
Steve Pillinger	1						
Jon Pitt	3					5	
Jay Slade	1	1			1	1	
Gareth Smith	2	1					
Greg Tucker	1			1			
Zolly Vanyai	2					6	
Mark Webb	1		1			1	

FIXTURES

Yes! There may be some, but when and against who remains to be seen. Dave will let you know as soon as he knows what is happening.

Sep 8	A	Fishponds	12-1
15	H	Hengrove Boys	3-1
29	H	Whitchurch	7-0
Oct 6	A	Winford	
13	A	Avon Park	

Fry Club J F C : RESULTS

Hanham Boys	6-0	Fry Club U10s
Broadwalk	1-2	Fry Club U11s
Hanham Boys	0-0	Fry Club U13s
Fry Club 'A' U14s	3-2	Coalpit Heath
Almondsbury	11-0	Fry Club 'B' U14s

Avon Youth League U15 : RESULTS

Avon Athletic	1-2	Warmley Rangers 'A'
Bitton Boys 'A'	7-3	Henbury O B 'B'
Brislington Jun 'A'	4-0	Thornbury Falcons
Fry Club	4-2	DRG Stapleton
St Vallier	5-1	Almondsbury
Whitchurch Sports 'B'	2-1	Frampton Rangers 'A'

Bristol Junior League U16 : RESULTS

Fry Club	7-0	Whitchurch
Hengrove Boys	4-1	Avon Park Rangers
Winford	17-1	Hengrove Athletic

U15 TEAM FACTS

	F	B	P	S	L	C
Ricky Anstey	2	1			3	
Joe Cook	2		2			
Ian Field	2	2	1		1	
Nick Frost	4					
Tom Hamblin	5				3	
Danny Hunt	4	1			6	
Curtis Jack	4	1				
Liam Kavanagh	1		4			
Phil Knight	3	1				
Jason McCrossan	2		1			
Ross Malone	1	2			1	
Craig Palmer	2	2	1		1	
Dan Payne	5				5	
Jay Slade			1			
Gareth Smith	3	1	1		2	
Mark Webb	4					

Sep 2	A	Henbury Old Boys 'B'	6-1
9	H	Thornbury Falcons	3-2
16	A	Bitton Boys 'A' (played at Fry's)	3-3
23	A	Almondsbury	6-1
30	H	DRG Stapleton	4-2
Oct 7	A	Weston St John's (Som. Cup)	
14	H	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
21		League Cup Round 2	
Nov 4	A	St Vallier	
11	H	Brislington Juniors 'A'	
25	H	Avon Athletic	
Dec 2	A	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	
9	H	Warmley Rangers 'A'	
16	A	Warmley Rangers 'A'	
23	H	Henbury Old Boys 'B'	
Jan 6	A	Thornbury Falcons	
13	H	Almondsbury	
20	A	DRG Stapleton	
27	H	Frampton Rangers 'A'	
Feb 3	A	Whitchurch Sports 'B'	
17	H	St Vallier	
24	A	Brislington Juniors 'A'	
March 3	H	Bitton Boys 'A'	
10	A	Avon Athletic	
17	H	Whitchurch Sports 'A'	
TBA	A	Frampton Rangers 'A'	

Avon Youth League U15 Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Whitchurch 'B'	5	5	0	0	15	4	15	+11
Fry Club 'A'	5	4	1	0	22	9	13	+13
Brislington 'A'	4	4	0	0	20	9	12	+11
St Vallier	4	3	0	1	23	10	9	+13
Whitchurch 'A'	4	3	0	1	15	8	9	+7
Bitton 'A'	5	2	1	2	15	13	7	+2
DRG Stapleton	4	2	0	2	16	8	6	+8
Warmley 'A'	4	1	0	3	10	12	3	-2
Thornbury	4	1	0	3	9	14	3	-5
Avon Athletic	4	1	0	3	4	9	3	-5
Frampton 'A'	4	1	0	3	4	15	3	-11
Almondsbury	4	0	0	4	3	17	0	-14
Henbury O B	5	0	0	5	7	35	0	-28